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AMENDMENT AND REPLY ACCOMPANYING RCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 23, 2008, for the above identified patent application ("the Application"), and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, please consider and enter the following amendment and remarks. Applicant submits concurrently herewith: a petition for three (3) months' extension of time for response, and a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) for the purpose of re-opening prosecution of the Application after the filing of a Notice of Appeal.

Amendments to the specification start at page 2 of this reply.

A listing of the claims starts at page 3 of this reply. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application.

Remarks start at page 11 of this reply.

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